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SUBJECT: DOG ISLAND IF-ASKED PRESS COMMENT

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ON APRIL 17, FCO ANTICIPATED POSSIBLE PRESS QUESTIONS CONCERNING US REQUEST FOR USE OF DOG ISLAND (BEING REPORTED SEPTEL) AS TARGET FACILITY. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT IF ASKED WHETHER DISCUSSIONS WERE GOING ON, BRITISH PRESS SPOKESMEN WOULD REPLY AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE. BOTH THE BRITISH AND US GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF DOG ISLAND AS A TARGET FACILITY FOR NON-EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE REQUIRED BY THE US NAVY FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. DOG ISLAND IS A SMALL, WATERLESS, UNINHABITED ISLAND TEN MILES NORTHWEST OF ANGUILLA. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS THERE HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PROVISION

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OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY TO THE INHABITANTS OF ANGUILLA.

FURTHER CAREFUL STUDY WILL BE NEEDED OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL, TECHNICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS CONCERNED TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT AND DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING. END QUOTE.

2. IN EVENT SIMILAR QUESTIONS FROM PRESS ARISE IN WASHINGTON, SUGGEST US SPOKESMEN USE EXACTLY SAME LANGUAGE. IT WAS AGREED WITH BRITISH THAT QUESTION WOULD NOT BE STIMULATED, BUT STATEMENT USED ONLY ON IF-ASKED BASIS.

3. THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THIS STATEMENT FOR POSSIBLE USE ON SAME BASIS AS ABOVE.

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